

# OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNDING CRITERIA

The following represent highlights of the Office of Traffic Safety's (OTS) funding criteria for traffic safety projects. **For additional information regarding allowable costs, consult the OTS [Grant Program Manual, Volume II](http://www.ots.ca.gov/grants/program.asp) (<http://www.ots.ca.gov/grants/program.asp>), Chapter 2, which is available under Grants and Program Information on our website (<http://www.ots.ca.gov/>)**

## **Facilities**

- The cost of land is **not** allowable.
- Costs are **not** allowable for construction, rehabilitation, remodeling, or for office furnishings and fixtures.

## **Equipment**

### **Not Allowed**

- Police patrol vehicles
- Large-scale computers
- Traffic Signal Preemption Systems

### **Allowable Costs**

- Small-scale computers and peripheral equipment.
- Costs of ambulance and first responder (rescue) vehicles and associated equipment; only up to **25 percent** of the total cost, unless the agency submits documentation supporting a higher percentage of highway safety utilization. This funding restriction includes communications equipment.

Costs for the following items **are** allowable, subject to compliance with applicable federal and state standards and specifications or adopted by the state through legislation or by the actions of an appropriate state agency or commission:

- Motorcycles
- Alcohol testing devices, includes Evidential Portable Alcohol Systems
- Police traffic radar, and other speed measuring devices used by the police
- Ambulances [Minimum requirements for ambulances purchased with 402 funds include: Meeting federal specification for ambulances, KKK-A-1822C; (2) being equipped in accordance with the essential equipment list, recommended by the American College of Surgeons; (3) contains space for two litter patients and 60-inch headroom for EMTs; (4) be manned by two basic level EMTs; and (5) have exterior vehicle lighting sufficient for identification as an ambulance.]

- Child restraint devices (only if they are in compliance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA] performance standard FMVSS #213)
- Safety helmets (must meet ANSI 90.4 bicycle standard or the Snell Memorial Foundation standard for protective headgear for use in bicycling)

### **Public Communications and Education**

The design and printing of billboards, bus posters and cards, and other public information materials **are** allowable. Contact your Regional Coordinator for information regarding purchase of media time or space. The printing and/or purchase of education materials (e.g., brochures, pamphlets, etc.) **are** allowable.